

Latent TB Infection

I am healthy.

The TB germs are “sleeping” in my body but could “wake up” in the future.

I have no symptoms.

My chest x-ray is normal.

I am not contagious.

I have a positive result on a TB skin test or blood test.

Active TB Disease

I have a serious illness that could kill me if left untreated.

The TB germs have “woken up”.

I may have symptoms – cough, fever, weight loss, night sweats.

My chest x-ray may be abnormal.

I may be contagious and could infect other people when TB germs are spread through the air when I cough, laugh or speak.

I may have a positive result on tests of my phlegm.

Can my **Latent TB Infection** (sleeping germs) wake up and make me sick with **Active TB Disease**?

Yes, and certain factors increase my risk!

- I arrived recently from another country where TB is common.
- I have HIV.
- I was in close contact with someone with active TB disease.
- I have diabetes, kidney failure, or cancer.
- I had surgery to remove part of my stomach.
- I live or work in a hospital, jail, drug rehab center or shelter.
- I use injection drugs.
- I have received an organ transplant.
- I take certain medications that affect my immune system, like prednisone (steroids) or other pills or injections to treat certain types of skin, joint and gastrointestinal conditions.

If I have **Latent TB Infection**, can I reduce my chances of getting sick with **Active TB Disease**?

Yes, I can prevent tuberculosis!

I can take safe, effective medicines.

